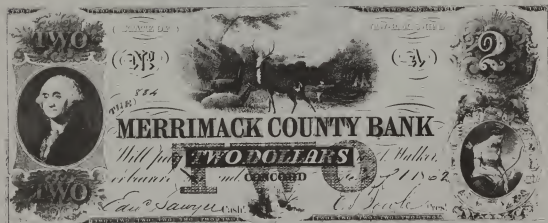


THE NONAGON



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NEW HAMPSHIRE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



N.H.N.A. COIN AND STAMP SHOW
APRIL 14 & 15 IN CONCORD, N.H.

New Hampshire Collectors' Club will host the 22nd annual New Hampshire Numismatic Association coin and stamp show on April 14 and 15 in the Concord Community Center, 39 Green St., Concord, N.H. Malcolm Purington, Weare is General Chairman.

Belva Mohle is selecting attractive trophies for Best of Show, Best Numismatic Exhibit, Best Philatelic Exhibit, and Most Popular Exhibit. Winner of the latter will be determined by vote of those attending. No exhibit may receive more than one of the first three trophies but everyone is eligible for the most popular exhibit. Robert Wester is exhibit chairman, 54 High St., Suncook. Everyone is encouraged to exhibit. Show cases will be available for anyone who needs them. Frames for stamps, papermoney, etc. are also available. Each frame will hold nine 10 x 12 inch pages, with 18 pages to a double frame.

Kenneth Fancher, 14 Rosedale St., Hooksett, N.H. 31006 is bourse chairman. An 8 foot table with full backup table may be reserved for \$50.00 and a limited number of corner booths will be available with a third 8-foot table along the side, for \$70.00. Make reservations soon for best choice of location.

General admission will be 50¢ with children under 12 free with adult, but paid up members of N.H. Collectors' Club or N. H. Numismatic Assn. will be admitted free. Lewis Jennison has volunteered to assist with the show and other volunteers will be appreciated.

Anyone may set up exhibits or bourse tables Friday evening, Apr. 14. There will be security from 9 P.M. Friday to 5 P.M. Sunday. Show will be open to the public 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Saturday, and 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. Sunday. We expect to have a coin auction Saturday at 7 P.M.

1984 DUES ARE DUE

Dues of \$1.00 per year may be sent to N.H.N.A. treasurer Jim Rolston, Box 37, Greenland, N. H. 03840. Send several years dues if you like or become life member by paying \$1 per year to age 75.

TAMSEN MESERVE HAM TIBBITTS, DOVER
WAS ONLY N. H. FEMALE COUNTERFEITER

Tamsen Meserve married Joseph Ham of Dover in 1704 and lived a typical conformist life until her husband's death in 1723. Two years later she married a widower, John Tibbitts and led a normal life until 1731, when William Byrn, a painter, came to Dover from Rochester.

Dover folks began to think highly of Mr. Byrn and they implored him to "keep school" to "learn their children to write". William accepted their offer and became a boarder at the Tibbitts home. Tamsen being a bright young woman with ambition, soon discovered that Byrn could do a mighty nice flower drawing and could pen beautiful script. Believing that such talent should not go to waste she brought some current colonial notes to Byrn and prevailed upon him to copy them.

News of Byrn's skill reached the ears of John McVicker and Samuel Styles and soon a partnership was formed. McVicker and Byrn gave Mr. Styles some documents in which they promised to give Styles one fifth of all the money he could pass, and pay his expenses; also swearin "by the living God" to betray him neither by signs or word of mouth.

Meantime, Tamsen passed off a 30 shilling New Hampshire note to Sarah Pitney. Styles passed a 3 pound, 10 shilling note to Hannah Bradford of Portsmouth, and another to Sarah Croftswatt. Styles came under suspicion and was arrested and searched. His pockets had nine more of the counterfeit notes and the documents signed by Byrn and McVicker. The three partners were soon in jail and Tibbitts followed.

Styles and Byrn were sentenced to each pay a fine of 14 pounds, stand one hour in the pillory at Exeter, have one ear lopped off, and spend one year in jail. The court didn't have time for the others so McVicker was returned to jail and the Tibbitts were released on 500 pounds recognizance.

Byrn finally confessed the whole matter and the Tibbitts were charged with counterfeiting and passing but the king's attorney couldn't get a grand jury to indict them. McVickers was fined 7 pounds, had one ear cropped, and spent a year in prison. New Hampshire's only female counterfeiter came out smelling like a rose! (Arlington Coin Journal courtesy W.F. Burlingame)

NUMISMATIC CALENDAR

Jan. 21-22, Maine Numismatic Assn. winter show at Verrillo's Red Coach Inn, Portland

Apr. 14-15 N.H. Numismatic Assn. 22nd annual coin and stamp show, Concord, N.H. Community Center, 39 Green St.

Oct. 27-28, Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition of coins, stamps, & collectibles Concord, N.H. Community Ctr., 39 Green St.

First Sunday each month, Holiday Inn, at Portsmouth Traffic Circle, Derry Coin.

Third Sunday each month, Holiday Inn, Exit 4, DW Hwy, Nashua.

N. H. NUMISMATIC ASSN. MEETING

Many of those attending the Fall meeting of N.H. Numismatic Association on Sept. 25 in Portsmouth were interested in reactivating the Seacoast Coin Club. Check with Jim Rolston, Greenland, for more information on this.

Jim Payette of N. H. Numismatics Inc. was made an honorary life member. His cooperation in clearing the way for incorporation of N.H. Numismatic Association was appreciated.

We expect to hold the N.H.N.A. annual meeting Sunday, Apr. 15, at 10 A.M. in the Concord Community Center. Invitation or suggestions for the Fall meeting will be welcome. Nashua Coin Club plans to host the 1985 annual show, we understand.

New Hampshire Numismatics

Shown inside front cover are the following state banknotes:

New Ipswich Bank \$1.00 has green overprint with colorless ONE. It is a scarce note Dated Dec. 15, 1859. Seated at the right is a milkmaid.

Merrimack County Bank, Concord, \$2.00 note issued Feb. 1, 1862 is scarce. It has an Indian princess with bow seated at right and "TWO" overprinted in red.

Carroll County Bank \$3.00 note from Sandwich is dated Oct. 9, 1857 is exactly like the Merrimack County Bank \$3.00 note dated 1842 shown in last Nonagon, except for the name of bank and town. Probably a Perkins Patent Steel plate was used for these with removable slugs for name of bank and town. Neither bank went broke so no object to counterfeit.

Civil War scrip issued by Frank Freeman, Dover, N.H.: 3/4: "DOVER, N.H./October 1, 1863" sailing ship left, open oyster right). Below: "GOOD FOR 3 (large) CENTS, or when presented in -- sums of even dol-lars, payable in -- current BANK/ BILLS, at my -- Oyster House, /Central square. No. (11195)" Signed Frank Freeman. Frame thin line inside heavy line. Printed in blue. Dated: Feb. 1, 1863. Had oyster shells and clasped hands at left. (not available for more details)

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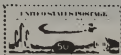
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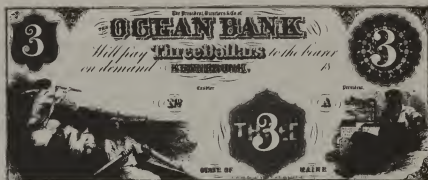
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